AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 23 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying, from a set of images, images in which a specified ~~object~~ person is present, the method comprising the steps of:

choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified ~~object~~ person is present;

~~selecting a part of the object~~ manually designating an accessory worn by the specified person in the indicative image;

~~comparing a color of the selected part to colors in the images belonging to the set of images; and~~

establishing for each image in the set of images a corresponding color segmented image having regions of uniform color, wherein the number of said regions is less than the number of colors in said image;

determining for each image in the set whether the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image matches at least one color region of the corresponding color segmented image; and

tagging the images in the set whose corresponding color segmented images contain a region whose color ~~containing a color that~~ matches the color of the ~~selected part~~ designated accessory in the indicative image.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of defining the ~~part of the object~~ accessory as an item in a menu prior to said ~~selecting~~ manual designation step, and wherein said ~~selecting~~ manual designation step comprises ~~selecting the part from~~ manually designating the accessory in the menu.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:

said ~~selecting~~ manual designation step comprises an additional sub-step of ~~selecting~~ manually designating another ~~part of the object having~~ accessory worn by the specified person in the indicative image, wherein the other accessory has another color;

said ~~comparing~~ determining step further comprises the step of ~~comparing the another color against colors in the images belonging to the set of images~~ determining for each image in the set whether the color of the another accessory in the indicative image matches at least another color region of the corresponding color segmented image; and

said tagging step comprises the step of tagging images in the set ~~if both a first color that matches the color of the selected part in the indicative image and a second color that matches the another color are found therein~~ whose corresponding color segmented images contain both a region whose color matches the color of the designated accessory and another region whose color matches the another color.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising, prior to said choosing step, additional steps of:

deriving meta-data for a core set of images;

grouping the core set into one or more event image sets dependent upon the meta-data; and

choosing the set of images from the one or more event image sets.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein the meta-data comprises time stamps associated with the images in the core set, and said grouping step comprises, in relation to an image in the core set, a sub-step of:

assigning ~~an~~ the image to an event image set if an associated time stamp falls within a predetermined event time interval.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein said meta-data comprises time stamps for the images in the core set, and said grouping step comprises, in relation to an image in the core set of images, a sub-step of:

assigning ~~an~~ the image to an event image set if an associated time stamp can be clustered with time stamps associated with other images in the event image set.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~10~~, wherein:

(1) the ~~part selected~~ accessory manually designated in the indicative image, in addition to its color, has at least one of a distinctive size attribute and a distinctive shape attribute;

(2) said determining step comprises at least further sub-steps of :

(a) determining whether a size of a region of the corresponding color segmented image matches the distinctive size; and

(b) determining whether a shape of a region of the corresponding color segmented image matches the distinctive shape; and

(3) said tagging step comprises ~~flagging the presence of the selected part of the object if at least one of a color match, a size match, and a shape match is found~~ tagging the images in the set whose corresponding color segmented images contain a region whose color matches the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image, wherein said region also has at least one of:

(a) a shape that matches the shape of the designated accessory in the indicative image; and

(b) a size that matches the size of the designated accessory in the indicative image.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for identifying, from a set of images, images in which a specified ~~object~~ person is present, said apparatus comprising:

means for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified ~~object~~ person is present;

means ~~for selecting a part of the object in~~ for permitting manual designation of an accessory worn by the specified person in the indicative image;

~~means for comparing a color of the selected part to colors in the images belonging to the set of images; and~~

means for establishing for each image in the set of images a corresponding color segmented image having regions of uniform color, wherein the number of said regions is less than the number of colors in said image;

means for determining for each image in the set whether the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image matches at least one color region of the corresponding color segmented image; and

means for tagging the images in the set ~~containing a~~ whose corresponding color segmented images contain a region whose color ~~that~~ matches the color of the ~~selected part~~ designated accessory in the indicative image.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for defining the ~~part of the object~~ accessory as an item in a menu; and

means for ~~selecting the part~~ permitting manual designation of the accessory from the menu.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for deriving meta-data for a core set of images;

means for grouping the core set into one or more event image sets dependent upon the meta-data; and

means for choosing the ~~set, of~~ set of images from the one or more event image sets.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for identifying, from a set of images, images in which a specified ~~object~~ person is present, said apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a program; and

a processor configured to execute the program, the program comprising:

(a) code for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified person ~~object~~ is present;

(b) code for ~~selecting a part of the object~~ permitting manual designation of an accessory worn by the specified person in the indicative image;

(c) code for ~~comparing a color of the selected part to colors in the images belonging to the set of images; and~~ establishing for each image in the set of images a corresponding color segmented image having regions of uniform color, wherein the number of said regions is less than the number of color in said image;

(d) code for ~~tagging the images in the set containing a color that matches the color of the selected part in the indicative image~~ determining for each image in the set whether the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image matches at least one color region of the corresponding color segmented image; and

(e) code for tagging the images in the set whose corresponding color segmented images contain a region whose color matches the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium, which is configured to instruct a computer to execute a procedure for identifying, from a set of images, images in which a specified ~~object~~ person is present, said program comprising:

(a) code for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified person ~~object~~ is present;

(b) code ~~for selecting a part of the object~~ permitting manual designation of an accessory worn by the specified person in the indicative image;

(c) code for ~~comparing a color of the selected part to colors in the images belonging to the set of images; and~~ establishing for each image in the set of images a corresponding color segmented image having regions of uniform color, wherein the number of said regions is less than the number of colors in said image;

(d) code for determining for each image in the set whether the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image matches at least one color region of the corresponding color segmented image; and

(e) code for tagging the images in the set ~~containing a color that matches the color of the selected part~~ whose corresponding color segmented images contain a region whose color matches the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium, according to claim 18, further comprising:

code for defining the ~~part of the object~~ accessory as an item in a menu; and

code for ~~selecting the part~~ permitting manual designation of the accessory from the menu.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium, according to claim 18, further comprising:

code for deriving meta-data for a core set of images;

code for grouping the core set into one or more event image sets dependent upon the meta-data; and

code for choosing a desired image set, comprising an indicative image and at least one target image, from the one or more event image sets.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A computer program product including a computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program which is configured to instruct a computer to execute a procedure for identifying, from a set of images, images in which a specified ~~object~~ person is present, the program comprising:

code for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified ~~object~~ person is present;

code for ~~selecting a part of the object~~ permitting manual designation of an accessory worn by the person in the indicative image;

code for ~~comparing a color of the selected part to colors in the images belonging to the set of images; and~~

~~code for tagging the images in the set containing a color that matches the color of the selected part in the indicative image~~ establishing for each image in the set of images a corresponding color segmented image having regions of uniform color, wherein the number of said regions is less than the number of colors in said image;

code for determining for each image in the set whether the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image matches at least one color region of the corresponding color segmented image; and

code for tagging the images in the set whose corresponding color segmented images contain a region whose color matches the color of the designated accessory in the indicative image.